

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 6 and 11 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Thus, no new matter is added.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 1 and 2 are allowed. Because claims 6 and 11 are canceled by this Amendment, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

II. 35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection

The Office Action rejects claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,479,193 to Maeda et al. (hereinafter "Maeda") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0044576 to Dhar et al. (hereinafter "Dhar") and rejects claims 6 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Maeda in view of Dhar and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0148039 to Blum et al. (hereinafter "Blum") and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0030360 to Herrmann et al. (hereinafter "Herrmann").

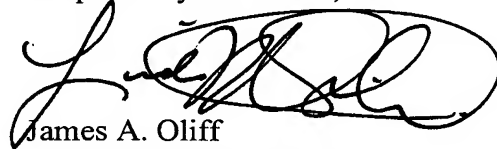
By this Amendment, claims 6 and 11 are canceled, thereby rendering the rejections of these claims moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1 and 2 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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